

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: Synthes (USA)

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Entitled: **DEVICE FOR DYNAMICALLY STABILIZING BONE OR NONE  
FRAGMENTS, ESPECIALLY THORACIC VERTEBRAL BODIES**

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